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Journalists' Society Announces Its Winners

CHICAGO, April 12 (AP)—Investigative news stories dominated the annual distinguished service awards for 1981 announced today by the Society of Professional Journalists-Sigma Delta Chi.

Two of the society's awards went to those who received Pulitzer Prizes today.

The society honored David Ashenfelter and Sydney P. Freedberg of the Detroit News in the general reporting category for exposing circumstances surrounding the deaths of six Navy seamen.

Ron Edmonds, a photographer for the Washington bureau of The Associated Press was recognized in the news photography category for his series of pictures taken during the assassination attempt on President Reagan. The Detroit reporters and Edmonds also received Pulitzers.

The SDX awards will be presented at Williamsburg, Va., on May 1.

Other awards:

Editorial Writing: Jon T. Senderling,

Dallas Times-Herald, for a series focusing on Texas political reform.

Washington Correspondence: Jerome Watson, Chicago Sun-Times, for a series of reports on the Reagan administration.

Foreign Correspondence: Richard Ben Cramer, Philadelphia Inquirer, for coverage of the plight of starving refugees in Somalia.

Editorial Cartoon: Paul Conrad, Los Angeles Times, picturing President Reagan questioning the need for assistance of a poverty-stricken child.

Public Service in Newspaper Journalism: Los Angeles Times, for a continuing series examining the depth and extent of crime and its effects on victims and the public at large.

Magazine Reporting: Seymour Hersh, New York Times Magazine, for two reports on the U.S. role in terrorism abroad, focusing on former CIA agents working for Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

Public Service in Magazine Journalism: National Geographic, for two special issues on acid rain and energy.

Radio Reporting: KVET, Austin, Tex., for coverage of a destructive flood.

Public Service in Radio Reporting: WJR, Detroit, for reports exposing alleged corruption and unethical practices in federal court bankruptcy cases.

Editorializing on Radio: Michael Regunberg, WEEI, Boston, for a series on Boston's financial crisis and voting on a tax-control measure.

Television Reporting: WHAS, Louisville, Ky., for spot news coverage of the widespread disaster of sewer chemical explosions.

Public Service in Television Journalism: WNBC, New York, for exposing illegal child adoption practices.

Editorializing on Television: Jack Hurley, WHIO, Dayton, Ohio, for editorializing on the degradation of Dayton's jails.

Research About Journalism: Robert W. Desmond, author of a five-volume series on international news gathering.